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Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
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Re: *Petition for Arbitration of BlueStar Networks, Inc. with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 99-00945

Dear Mr. Waddell:

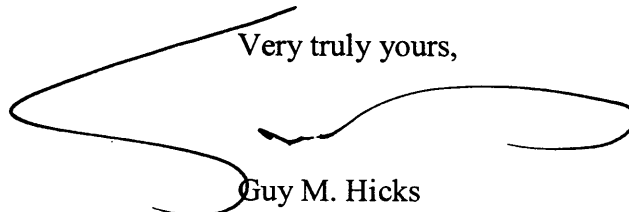
BellSouth and BlueStar respectfully request that the arbitration schedule be held in abeyance. As you know, BlueStar's motion to expand the line sharing proceeding (Docket No. 00-00544) to include rates for unbundled copper loops, loop conditioning, and loop makeup service inquiry was granted by the Hearing Officer last week. It appears there is only one unresolved issue remaining in the BlueStar Arbitration proceeding. The parties are attempting to resolve that issue and determine whether Docket No. 00-00544 addresses any remaining arbitration issues. If the parties are successful in that endeavor, there will be no need to proceed with the BlueStar arbitration.

Given these circumstances, the parties request that the current procedural schedule, including the August 14th date for filing direct testimony and the August 23rd date for filing rebuttal testimony, be held in abeyance until October 6, 2000 to allow time for the parties to attempt to resolve any remaining issues.

Mr. Michael Bressman, counsel for BlueStar, has authorized me to submit this letter on BlueStar's behalf.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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cc: Hon. Gary Hotvedt, Hearing Officer

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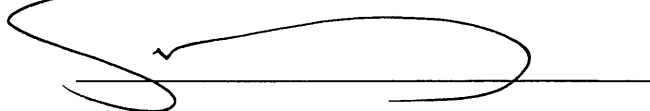
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